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Docket No.: 49657-217

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Shigeki OHBAYASHI

Serial No.: 09/196,136

Filed: November 20, 1998

Group Art Unit: 2133

Examiner: Guy Lamarre

For: SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT HAVING BONDING  
OPTIONAL FUNCTION

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**REQUEST TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicant notes the Notice of Abandonment issued in the above-identified application on April 18, 2002.

This application is held to be abandoned on the ground that Applicant failed to respond to the Official Action mailed on August 16, 2001. In view of the Notice of Abandonment, Attorney of record has obtained a copy of the USPTO records, and determined that the Action dated August 16, 2001 was mailed to attorney of record's previous address, despite a Correspondence Address Change filed July 24, 2001 in the referenced application.

A thorough search has been made of the undersigned's docketing systems, which indicate that the August 16, 2001 action was never received. The Action sets a three month shortened period for response, which would have been due by November 16, 2001. Enclosed is a copy of the automated docket of our Docketing Department for the

above application, and also copies of the pages from the Docket Book of the undersigned's secretary for the due date of November 16, 2001. The official action due date does not appear on either docket record listing. Under normal docketing procedures in this Law Firm, the due date would have appeared on these docket records had the August 16, 2001 Action been received.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Action date be reset, that the Action be remailed, that the abandonment be rescinded and the application be returned to pending status.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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# Country Application

02-May-02

**Client-Matter:** 049657-0217 **Country:** US **SubCase:** 021  
**Family Number:** 049657-0217 United States of America  
**Case Type:** PRI **Application Status:** Pending  
**Application Number:** 09/196,136 **Filing Date:** 20-Nov-1998  
**Patent Number:** **Issue Date:**  
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**Priority Number:** 10-168311 **Priority Date:** 16-Jun-1998  
**Tax Schedule:** LE **Expiration Date:**  
**Reel & Frame:** **Tax Start Date:**  
**Group Art Unit:** 2812 **ClientRef:** 998140-01  
**Agent:**  
**Agent Reference Number:**

## List Of User Actions

Action(s) Due	Due Date	Action Taken
REPLY TO NOT. OF ABAND.	07-May-2002	Final
Office Action Received Yet?	27-Jun-2002	Due Date

**Remarks:** UTIL APP W/F DRWGS, IDS, PRIOR, CPD, ASSIGN F. 11/20/98;  
CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS CHANGE F. 7/24/01 (VIA FAX TO  
EXAMINER) -- N/ABANDONMENT RECD 04/24/02

**User ID:** BARTIS **Date Created:** 15-Nov-1999 **Last Update:** 30-Apr-2002

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2000 320th day - 45 days follow

X ~~49657-568~~ OA Response Due ~~11/19~~ f ~~AC~~ ~~SAB~~ X

~~50038-013~~ OA Response Due ~~11/23~~ f ~~10/25~~ ~~RF~~ ~~INDS~~ ~~SAB~~ ~~SAB~~

~~49657-785~~ IF Due. ~~11/15~~ f ~~11/8~~ NOA X

~~50573-018~~ OA Response Due ~~11/30~~ f ~~11/5~~ AC ~~SAB~~

~~10473-159~~ OA Response Due ~~10/4~~ f ~~10/5~~ NC X

~~49657-399~~

~~57454-273~~ DIV of 49657-399 f ~~11/9~~ App X

~~57454-280~~ CONT of 49657-130 f ~~11/14~~ App

~~49657-229~~

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X ~~10473-824~~ MicroVAR product clearance sh <sup>USPS 004979</sup> f ~~11/23~~ NC

X ~~49657-657~~ formal comm for E to cler down NON

~~50020-302~~ sel cert New invoi due ~~11/9~~ App

X ~~49657-670~~ prod pto 90c party → NOA

X ~~10473-823~~ Sel new inf updating US 6144185 f ~~11/23~~ NC